Increase in prices of Fertilizers

541. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of increase in prices of fertilizers during the last three years;

(b) the manner in which this has affected the consumption of fertilizers and agricultural production;

(c) whether Government propose further hike in the prices of fertilizers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are contemplating any alternative system to make fertilizers available at reasonable rates;

(f) if so,the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the corrective steps taken by Government to maintain the prices of fertilizers and even to increase the consumption of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The slight increase in the price of Urea fertilisers had no adverse effect on the agricultural production or on its consumption. There is no proposal at present, with the Government to hike the prices of controlled fertilisers.

(e) to (g) There had been steep increase in the prices of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers consequent upon their de-control in August, 1992. That increase has been compensated to some extent with the introduction of a scheme of concession on the sale of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers under which a concession of Rs. 1000/- per tonne on the sale of DAP and MOP and proportionately on complexes was provided to the farmers during Rabi 1992-93 season. From 1993-94, the concession was extended to SSP also @ Rs. 340/- per tonne and the concession on DAP and Complexes was restricted to indigenous product only. This scheme is continuing during the current financial year.

Statement

Statement Showing Retail Prices of Fertilisers Under Statutory Control

in Rs.

Sl. No.	Name of Fertiliser	Price per tonne 25-8-92	Price per tonne w.e.f. 10-6-94
1.	Urea (46% N)	2760	3320
2.	Anhydrous Ammonia.	4420	5300
3.	Zincated Urea	3940*	4480
4.	Ammonium Sulphate (20.6% N)	1920*	**
5.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (26% N)	2000*	**
6.	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (26% N)	2080*	**
7.	Ammonium Chloride (25% N)	2000*	**

*Brought under Statutory Price Control w.e.f. 13.5.82.

**Taken out of Statutory Price Control w.e.f. 10.6.94.

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542. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) लोक अभियान तथा ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी समुन्नति परिषद् (कपार्ट) द्वारा आज की तिथि अनुसार पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में राजकोट के स्वयंसेवी संगठनों को कितनी-कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई और ऐसे कितने संगठनों को प्रदान की गई;

(ख) "कपार्ट" द्वारा इन स्वयंसेवी संगठनों को दी जा रही वित्तीय सहायता के लिए क्या मानदण्ड अपनाये जाते हैं;

(ग) क्या "कपार्ट" द्वारा राजकोट महानगर परिषद् को विभिन्न योजनाओं के लिये वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और